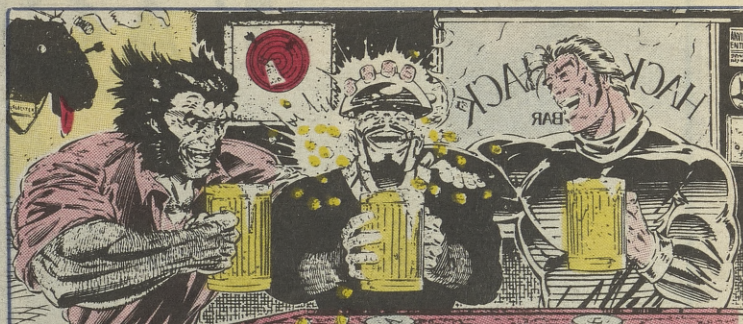


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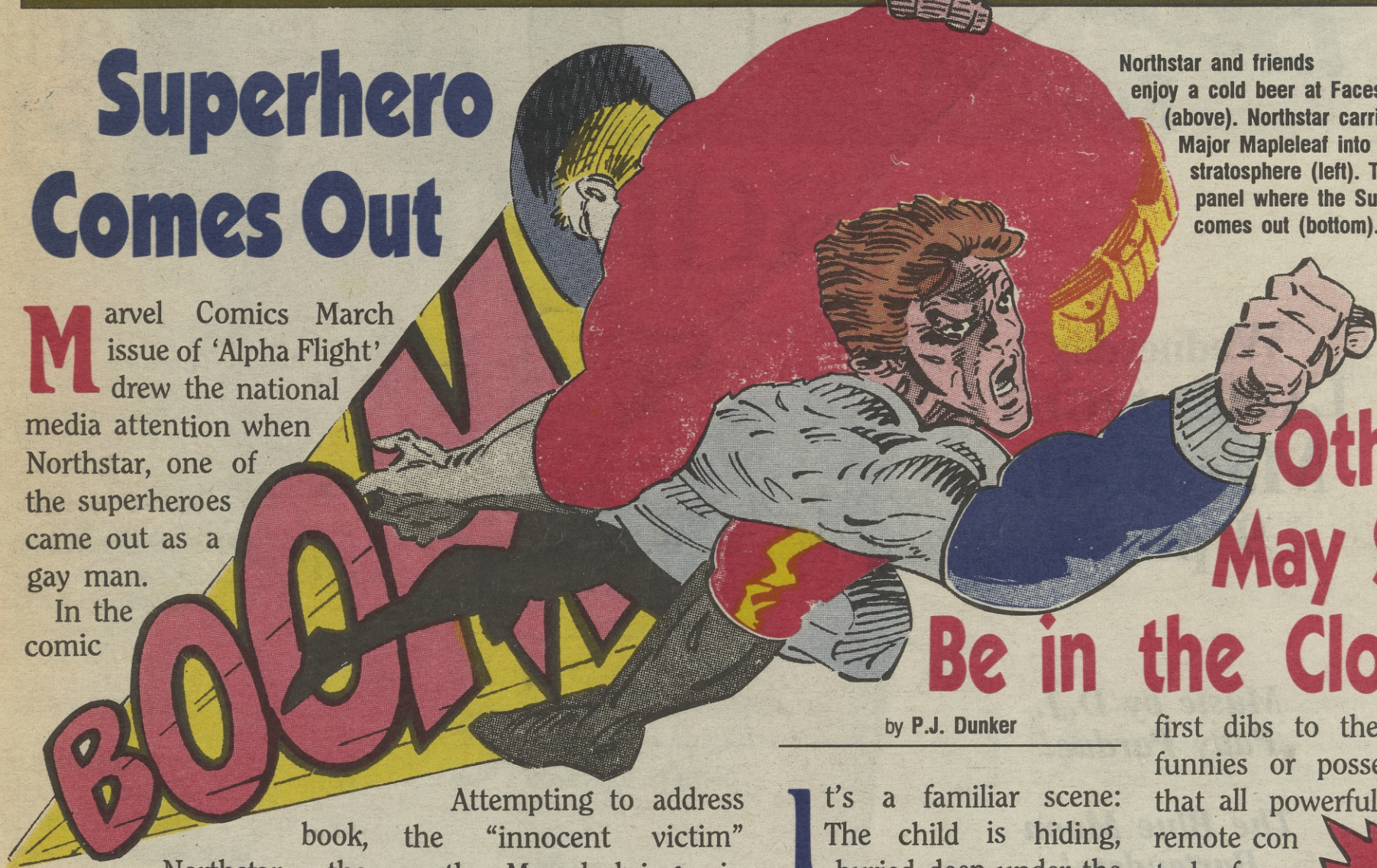


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## Superhero Comes Out

**M**arvel Comics March issue of 'Alpha Flight' drew the national media attention when Northstar, one of the superheroes came out as a gay man.

In the comic



Northstar and friends enjoy a cold beer at Faces (above). Northstar carries Major Mapleleaf into the stratosphere (left). The panel where the Superhero comes out (bottom).

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## Others May Still Be in the Closet

by P.J. Dunker

book, Northstar -- the muscular, dark-haired gay Canadian hero of 8-year-old "Alpha Flight" series -- finds a baby orphan who is diagnosed with AIDS.

Attempting to address the "innocent victim" myth, Marvel brings in Major Mapleleaf, a retired superhero who recently lost his gay son to AIDS. Mapleaf's anger over the

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**I**t's a familiar scene: The child is hiding, buried deep under the blankets with a flashlight, reading the worn pages of an adventure comic book. It's a familiar memory: fighting with siblings over

first dibs to the Sunday funnies or possession of that all powerful remote control of the television set during Saturday morning cartoons. The characters of cartoons and comics are as much of reality for many children and adults alike as the rising sun. Many cartoon characters have been heroes for generations of children. Some are as loved as ice cream and more popular than the president. They

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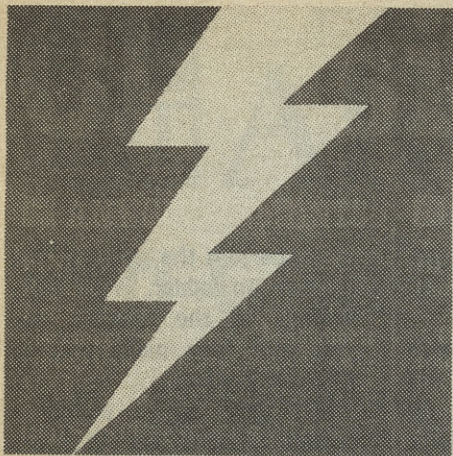
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**E-Z WEDDING GUIDE FOR GAY PEOPLE;**

**1** OK, So FIRST OF ALL, You GET ANOTHER ONE OF THESE AWFUL INVITES...

DR. AND MRS. DONALD PHIFFENBACHER REQUEST YOUR PRESENCE AT THE WEDDING OF THEIR DAUGHTER JUDY THE "LYING AT ONE AND THIRTY O'CLOCK BIAN"

**2** IF YOU'RE REALLY LUCKY, IT'LL BE FROM SOMEBODY YOU LIKE...

WE'RE GETTING MARRIED IN THE BACK YARD. BRING A CASSEROLE AND A LOVER.

YOUR COOL STRAIGHT-COUPLE NEIGHBORS

**3** MORE THAN LIKELY, HOWEVER, THE WEDDING THAT YOU'RE BEING SUMMONED TO IS THAT OF:

(a) SOME LONG-FORGOTTEN COLLEGE HOUSEMATE.  
 (b) A MENTALLY IMPAIRED SECOND COUSIN.  
 (c) A NERDY OFFICE CO-WORKER.

REMEMBER THAT YEAR I PRANK TOO MUCH N' BARFED EVERY DAY! WHAT A GAS!

REMEMBER THAT 4TH OF JULY WE PLAYED SOFTBALL? WHERE DIDTA GET THAT SUCKY ARM D? SWEET!

REMEMBER OUR LAST AUTOMATED VOICE MAIL SYSTEM BOY WHAT CLUNKER!

**4** AND SINCE THESE FOLKS WOULDN'T INVITE YOUR LOVER EVEN IF YOU HAD ONE, YOU'RE GETTING A LITTLE DEPRESSED.

WELL... A LITTLE NERVOUS MAYBE...

DON'T BE SILLY, I ALWAYS ENJOY A GET-TOGETHER WITH LOTS OF TRADITIONAL VALUE...

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FIRST, CHUCK THE INVITATION, THEN...

WHEN THE STRAIGHT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE CELEBRATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP, CELEBRATE THEIRS. WHEN THEY DON'T, FIRST, CHUCK THE INVITATION, THEN...

GO AHEAD BOY, CHEW IT UP.

... AND SPEND THE DAY OF THE WEDDING INDULGING IN PETTY BUT UPLIFTING THOUGHT...

GO AHEAD BOY, CHEW IT UP.

DIDN'T JUST THIS SORT OF BEHAVIOR GET ME YELLED AT LAST WEEK!



# !!! really I MUST SAY!

## "Outing" Gay Celebrities?

Ever since Gary Hart dared the media to prove he was having extra-marital affairs and the Miami Herald took him up on the challenge that cost him his presidential bid, discussing the personal lives of public officials has been fair game.

Since then, John Kennedy's affairs suddenly became newsworthy even though the Washington media had known about them for decades. And now, front-running Presidential contender Bill Clinton is in a similar quandary.

Few people seem to approve of the new direction the media is taking yet sales skyrocketed whenever a new tidbit is brought up. Perhaps the New Hampshire primary will shed some light on it.

The only exception to this close scrutiny is if the person is gay. Then, the only papers willing to reveal it are gay ones.

For the mainstream, being gay is still such a dirty little secret, it is too horrific for any respectable public figure to be accused of.

Although gays desperately need positive role models among politicians and celebrities, most gay people are against the outing of public figures.

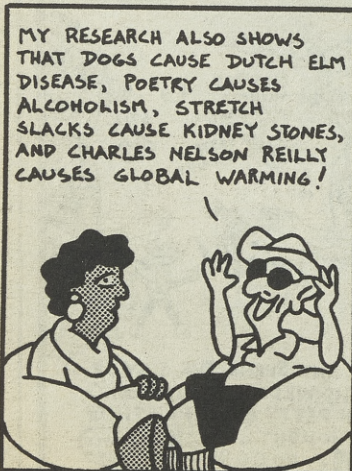
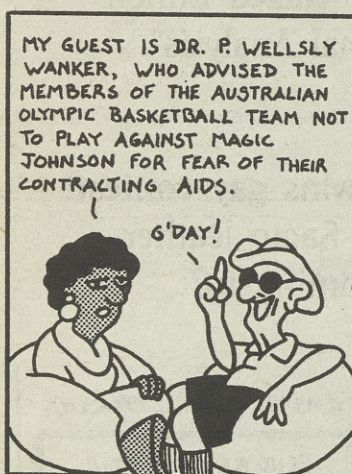
But there is a big difference between private individuals and public figures.

With a few exceptions, Americans -- whatever their sexual orientation -- are guaranteed the right to privacy. Unless they seek fame and fortune. Then, they knowingly give up that right.

Celebrities and other famous figures know that they give up that right when they ask the public to take an interest in them. That's the Faustian bargain they make. They don't sell their soul in this day and age; they sell their privacy.

Why should famous gays be treated as shameful secrets?

Why should the public only find out that this admired, loved and respected person is gay when the person is dead?



## Reader Sends Valentine

Dear Editor,

In this era of open and violent hostility towards gays and lesbians, I believe that people should attempt to counter such hatred and violence, even when presented with but a small opportunity to demonstrate compassion, respect and support.

Thus, because I suspect that you receive at least some anonymous "hate mail," please consider this a piece of anonymous "love mail."

I wish you all the best!

Signed,  
A fan.

## Individual vs. Group Action

Dear Editor,

We are writing in response to your article "Q.N. Takes on Churches" (Vol. 3, issue 9.) In the article Dell Richards states that "QN members also have sprayed slogans on the sidewalk and put stickers on the church sign." While Ms. Richards' article "confirms" the information as quoted from a member of QN, the information is both inaccurate and misleading.

Q.N.-Sacramento voted to run its foundation from a consensus format. Activities such as civil disobedience were not to be done under the name of QN and were only to be carried out by individuals. Therefore the stated actions of spray-painting (the church as well as other buildings and sidewalks in town) would never have been consented to due to the nature of QN's format. In addition, these actions were not brought

forth to any meetings, therefore, they were not/are not QN actions.

The age old problem with direct action activism still remains -- how are the individual actions of a few kept separate from the whole? As former members of QN we hope to do just that.

Corrie Barbero  
Monica Erdosh

## The Editor replies:

Thanks for your letter which points out a real problem for activists and journalists: When an individual goes beyond the agreed-upon actions of a group, how much responsibility does the group bear?

Is the group responsible, for instance, if the person is a member of the organization and acts while the group is carrying out other plans? What if the individual comes back later and acts on their own time? And if the person isn't a member of the organization but uses the group's stickers, what responsibility does the group bear there?

It's a tough question to call. We tried to make the distinction by saying "QN members" rather than "QN" itself. And we didn't mention damage to the church which no one in QN knew about. Perhaps we'll find a better solution to this dilemma in the future.

## Why Would Gays Join Military?

Dear Editor,

You don't have to be gay to realize that the military doesn't respect individuality, a person's right to privacy and especially for human life.

If you join the military, you are cannon fodder. Your body belongs to the military, not you, and they make you do what they want.

So why, why, would a person who is gay join the military? A black man might as well try to join the Ku Klux Klan!

Why not work for PEACE?? The crime wave of "gay bashing" lately means that people must be taught non-violence and care for human life. Militarism is the biggest teacher of hatred and violence towards gay people.

Michelle Kunert

## "Miss Kitty" Supports PAWS

Dear Editor:

Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), a sanctuary for captive wildlife and animals formerly used in the entertainment business, needs our help.

PAWS was the passion of Amanda Blake (Miss Kitty on TV's "Gunsmoke") before her recent death. PAWS has been instrumental in the firing of entertainer Bobby Berosini from his nightclub act in Las Vegas, during which he allegedly beat the orangutans used in his act. PAWS captured this on film, and Berosini is now battling PAWS in court. Consequently, PAWS must post a bond of \$80,000 within the next 60 days, or possibly lose their sanctuary.

We can help PAWS by visiting their new celebrity memorabilia store; Miss Kitty's Attic, at 918 12th St. in Sacramento, or by sending a donation to Pat Derby, President of PAWS, P.O.Box 849, Galt, CA 95632.

Thank You,  
Lynn Vigneault

## PAARC Invites Closer Scrutiny

This letter is written in response to a letter from Anonymous in the mid-December issue.

Dear Anonymous,

Your ignorance deserves no response. But, I will tell you that we have an open door policy here at PAARC.

You are welcome to examine any records, and if you

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## LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.





# AROUND TOWN

## Pro-Choice Stands Up at Anti-Choice Rally

**A**nti-abortion and pro-choice demonstrators clashed on the capitol grounds Jan. 22 as they observed the 19th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the ruling that made abortion legal in the United States.

More than four hundred anti-abortion activists and children attended the noon rally on the capitol steps to draw attention to what they feel is "murder."

California Pro Life Council spokesperson Linda Mullin began the rally stating "It's a child not a choice," while pro-choice activists protested along

the capitol side walk.

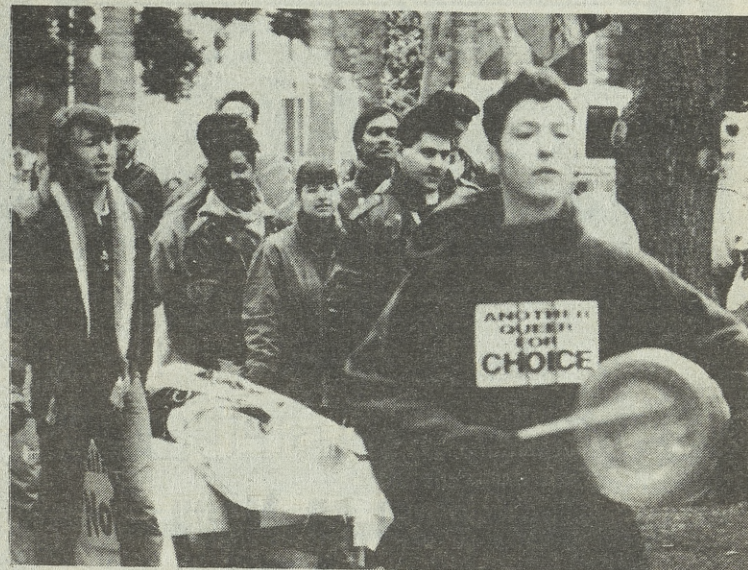
With a sign "Back Alley Abortion Kills Women" and a woman on a bloody stretcher the pro-choice activists yelled "U.S. out of my uterus!" as the anti-abortionists heralded President Bush's stand on abortion.

"*Roe v. Wade* will be overturned in Pennsylvania,"

said Mullin, "because our president is a man of God."

"The courts are trying to chip away at the laws that protect the rights of women," said Lucy Gallindo, a Sacramento activist for women's rights. "Women will die because these people feel they can make better decisions than the women themselves."

That evening pro-choice activists gathered on the capitol steps to re-energize and reorganize. "Our bodies, our decision," said one woman in attendance, "it's time for women and men to tell our government to stay out of our lives."



Pro-Choice Advocates at *Roe v. Wade* Rally.

## Gay Rights Initiative Postponed Until '94

by Dell Richards

**D**ue to the lack of media attention, signature gatherers and money, proponents of the AB101 initiative that would have put an anti-discrimination proposition on the ballot in November was postponed until 1994.

At a February 2 meeting, organizers decided that they may not have enough time to collect the 500,000 signatures needed by April to put the initiative on the ballot.

"There just weren't enough people who knew what was going on," said Phil Smith, spokesperson for Sacramento's Coalition for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equality which put

the initiative together. "There just wasn't enough press coverage, enough volunteers or enough money to make it work."

In a telephone interview, Smith talked about how frustrating it was to lose the groundswell of support that followed the governor's veto of the gay civil rights job discrimination bill.

"There was a lot of community support when asking for signatures," said Smith. "Almost every gay person we

approached signed the initiative -- and almost every straight person was positive."

Raising money was a major factor in the decision. According to Smith, well-heeled gays in major cities who could usually be counted on to get a project like this off the ground were wary and did not jump on the bandwagon.

Smith said, however, that the Sacramento area nearly met its signature-gathering goal. San Francisco was on target. But other areas of the

state such as Southern California were below the mark.

"Los Angeles had trouble getting volunteers and it was clear they were not going to make their goals," said Smith.

Despite the setback, the group decided to become a statewide organization which will monitor local gay rights ordinance fights besides working to get AB 101 on the ballot in 1994 if legislative efforts fail. It also plans to push domestic partnership and other gay issues.

## CSUS Offers New Gay Course

**A** course on helping gay high school students cope with the discovery of their sexual orientation will be given on Mar. 7. The one-day workshop, open to anyone, is the first time the subject of homosexuality in high school is being addressed in the Sacramento area.

The continuing education course -- which grew out of a task force formed by mental health professional Merrill Follansbee -- will show teachers and other professionals how to deal with many of the problems which gay and lesbian students face.

"We designed the course so that teachers, for instance, can

learn how to provide a supportive environment to students who are gay," said Theresa Corrigan, a CSUS faculty member and task force member. "There is nothing like this in Sacramento although there are similar programs in San Francisco and Los Angeles."

Although the course was

created for both gay and straight teachers, Corrigan stressed that it would be particularly helpful to gay and lesbian teachers who may not know how to help a student without endangering their own anonymity.

"A lot of gay and lesbian teachers don't have the faintest idea how to help gay and lesbian students without exposing themselves. We'll show them that they don't have to come out to stand up for gay and lesbian students."

The workshop entitled "Students at Risk: Providing Equal Educational Opportunities for Lesbian and Gay Youth" will deal with the fol-

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lowing issues:

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- \* How to handle homophobic

reactions among students;

- \* How to help the family;
- \* What local resources are available.

In addition, participants will learn how to dispel homosexual myths and stereotypes and get a handle on legal issues involved.

The task force -- which has been meeting for more than a year -- hopes eventually to bring the workshop to local high schools.

"People on the staff of many schools know that they need this," said Corrigan.

The course given at CSU Sacramento costs \$60 and is worth .8 credit. For information, call 923-9833. To register with Visa or Mastercard, phone 278-7970.

## VITALS

**B. Charles Kitlinger**  
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We were shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of "Chuck" Kitlinger on January 21st from complications related to diabetes. Born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, he is survived by his parents Ken and Evelyn Kitlinger of Simi Valley, CA., a sister, Lorraine, and brothers, Buck, Don and Phil.

For the last four years Chuck worked for a local CPA firm as Assistant to the office Administrator. Chuck always had a smile, a good word to say and did thoughtful things for those he worked with. His greatest contribution to the work environment was that

others saw Chuck, a gay man, as a warm and caring human being. He taught those around him a lot about themselves. The company he worked for has planted a redwood tree in McKinley Park in his memory. Friends have temporarily placed Chuck's two cats -- Blondie and Dagwood -- in a veterinarian's keeping. If you might wish these animals please contact Joy at 447-7855.

Chuck was active in the Great Valley Cadillac Association, Capitol City Squares, The Prime 8's Square Dancers and the Pillars Organization. His zest for life always brought energy and enthusiasm to those he touched. His wit and humor will be missed in person, on the Country Western Dance floor and on the computer board. Thanks Chuck for giving us so much.

## LETTERS

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find a discrepancy you feel is illegal, I would encourage you to turn us in to the proper authorities.

Remember, though, the power of the pen has no power unless you sign your name to letters. Maybe the reason you didn't sign the letter was because your accusations have no documentation to back them up, and you wouldn't want to set yourself up for a lawsuit.

If you'd like to talk about accountability, come see me or call. I'll fill your ear full.

As for Pennies, that money was embezzled from our savings account by a past board

member. If you would like to know what they are doing with your money then you should call them and ask. Make them accountable!

Sincerely,

**Robert F. Becker**  
President/Founder PAARC

## "Hetero" Mom Thanks Gays

Dear Editor,

A Valentine's Day thought; if love has no boundaries then what is it capable of? The possibilities are endless.

I'm a straight mom or "hetero," but some of my best loved friends refer to me as a "breeder." The government classifies me as physically disabled. My doctors refer to me as legally blind. I say that I am visually impaired, but those special people who love me tell me that I am a person who is overcoming a visual challenge. They have taught me that there is a difference between great sight and great vision.

I've seen love in people of every age, race, sex etc...There are too many "categories" to remember. My dream is that someday the love that already exists in this world will grow so big that the "categories" will not fit anyone. The people I love share my dream.

My friends have shared with me the wealth of love that exists in the lesbian and gay community. I thank God for letting me be a small part of it and pray that it will grow to include others.

I want to thank the lesbian and gay community for letting me participate in a diversity of people who share love without boundaries. You have all let me know that dreams do come true.

My love to all,  
Linda Ferguson

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## Lambda Center Gets New Board

The Lambda Center's board of directors elected new officers and board members Feb. 2, with founder and past president Jerry Sloan resigning his seat to become an ex-officio member.

The board elected new members Paul Eaton, a student at UC Davis; Randy Gray, former Mr. Leather Sacramento; Karen Andrade, organizer of the Lambda Freedom Fair; and Laura Enright, a former board member and founder of the Lambda Center's Women's Rap Group.

The other remaining board members are; Richard Boriolo, Leonard Harris and Gary Ryan.

Marghe Covino was elected board president; Rob Thorbin remains vice-president; Willis Bennett was chosen to fill the secretary seat; and Jake Steuble returns as treasurer and acting Center executive director.

## Town Council to Sponsor Hotline

Whether you're looking for a gay friendly doctor, the date of the next ACT UP meeting or information on the River City Democratic Club, you'll find it on the new Sacramento Lesbian & Gay Town Council hotline.

This system will provide access to up-to-the-minute news, events and information on local organizations plus specials and promotions by local gay-owned and gay-friend-

ly businesses. Many local groups and organizations also will have mailboxes tied into the system for people to leave messages on.

The HOTLINE -- which went on line February 10 -- also includes voice mail. The system can be easily accessed by anyone with a touch-tone phone. The caller will be given a list of options: news bits and information, a directory of organizations, services and businesses or the calendar. Once a choice is made, more options will direct the caller to the "voice mailbox" where information can be obtained or messages left.

For information, call SLGTC secretary Scott Farrell, 863-3020 ext. 2116. Or simply dial 863-3020 and try it out!

## New Log Cabin Club in Town

Fourteen people in the greater Sacramento area, have established a Log Cabin (Republican) group in Sacramento. There are six other Log Cabin clubs in California: Los Angeles, Orange County, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco and Santa Clara which represent gay men and lesbians within the Republican Party in California.

The Log Cabin clubs in Los Angeles and San Francisco were founded in 1978 in response to the Briggs Initiative (Proposition 6) which would have stopped gays and lesbians from being able to teach in the public schools. Since their founding, Log Cabin has

expanded throughout the nation and now has chapters in Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York.

Though founded to represent the interests of gay and lesbian Republicans, Log Cabin serves as a political home for other Republicans who believe in the principles for which the Republican Party was founded. A heterosexual woman recently was elected president of the San Francisco chapter while the fast-growing Santa Clara chapter is headed by a lesbian.

For info call Kevin Wadsworth at 676-5532 or write 2025 23rd St. Sacramento, 95818-1717. Meetings are every third Thursday.

## Sierra AIDS Gets New Group

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation is starting a new parents and friends support group for persons living in the Roseville and North Sacramento area. The group hopes to answer the needs of many people living in the area who have loved ones living with HIV disease and those who have lost family to the disease. The group will be facilitated by Bill and Gerry Richmond and Wanda Peabody.

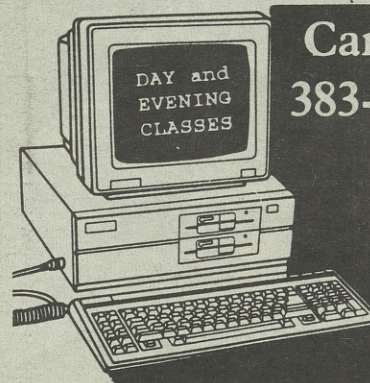
Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at St. Rose's Church of Roseville. Family and friends may also attend meetings at the Auburn office of Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation on the second and fourth Tuesday.

Plans for the group include pot-lucks, fund-raisers and interaction with other HIV-related support groups in the Sierra Foothills and Sacramento counties.

Bill Rau, Executive Director of Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, said "the family and friends groups in Placer and

Nevada County have always been an important part of the Foundation. Their support of our clients and the organization is important to our continuing work in the foothills communities. I look forward to a strong and very involved group."

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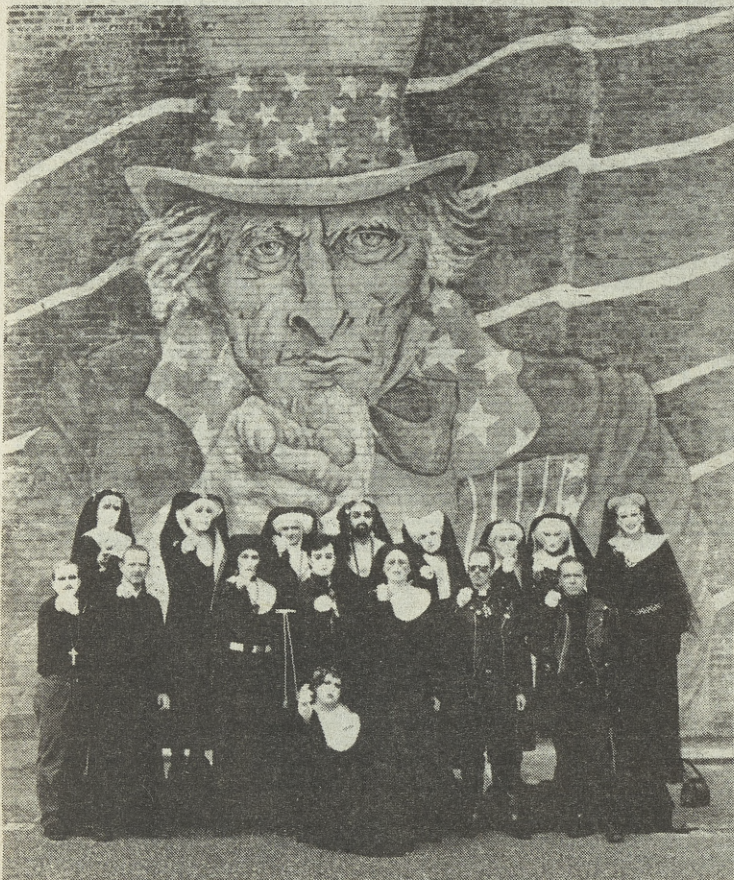
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## SF Sisters Recruiting "Queer Army" in Sacto



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The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are recruiting new members to become part of a "Queer Army" that targets "bigots, fascists, and right-winged fundamentalists of AmeriKKKa."

The Sister's Army in their white face and nun's habits, are planning to distribute condoms at the University of San Francisco -- a catholic college on Feb. 14.

The 11 a.m. rally at the University will be a protest of the Catholic Church and their opposition to condoms and gays.

The college refuses to hand

out condoms or safe sex information to the students who are at high risk of contracting HIV through unsafe sex.

The Sisters are not alone in their quest for condoms on campus, according to Dr. Ralph DiClemente of UCSF "This is a war...our nation's most valuable resource -- it's youth -- will be a generation in dire jeopardy."

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## New Anti-NAMBLA Group Forms

by Dell Richards

A new group dedicated to driving the North American Man-Boy Love Association out of the gay movement recently formed in San Francisco.

The group -- which started less than a month ago but already has more than 20 members -- decided it was time to defend the gay community against stereotypes of being child molesters even

though the majority of molesters are heterosexual.

"Somebody has to come out and say they aren't us," said Everett Denman, founder of the Gay and Lesbian Advocates for Children's Rights.

"The basic tenet of being gay is the free expression of love between consenting adults."

"Everything NAMBLA stands for is opposed to being gay. We are outraged that they are trying to cloak themselves in the banner of the gay community."

The inaccurate stereotype of gays as child molesters was being played heavily by KRON-TV during an investigative blitz on NAMBLA that ran every night for more than two weeks.

GLACR's first objective is to get NAMBLA barred from the San Francisco parade.

"We want to get NAMBLA pulled, we want them out of the parade," said Denman.

According to Denman, the parade charter allows the entry of any group into the parade. But Denman said his group's feelings are so strong that they are willing to try to change that, too if necessary.

"We're part of families -- they're a threat to our children, too."

Although GLACR still is in the formative stages, it's goals are far-reaching.

First on the agenda is better sex education and condoms for local schools. Then, they plan to start addressing such major problems as youth who end up on the street when their families find out they're gay.

"There are lots of things the gay and lesbian community can do to support children," said Denman.

NAMBLA does believe that age of consent laws for sex should be abolished.

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# Homophobic Movie Angers SF Gays

by Chris Narloch

**"Basic Instinct,"** reported to be the most homophobic Hollywood movie unleashed since "Cruising" more than ten years ago is coming soon to a theater near you.

The \$30 million lesbian-slasher flick, starring Michael Douglas, has already set the film industry on its ear, divided factions of the gay community, and split members of its own production.

The shooting script contains three lesbian or bisexual women: one is a murderer of four straight men, and likes to use an ice pick as a weapon; one slashed her brother's throat; the third is a novelist obsessed with kinky sex and violence. The story contains no sympathetic gay, lesbian or bisexual characters, and the hero - a straight white man - makes repeated homophobic remarks.

Other scenes lesbians probably will find offensive include a lesbian who claims that watching her lover have sex with a man "turns her on." In another scene the bisexual writer mourns the death of her lesbian lover by having sex with the male hero. Gay women are never shown being part of a community; the overall impression is that all a lesbian needs to go straight is a "good fuck."

But it's just a movie, right?

"The film industry bears a grave responsibility for the perpetuation of stereotypes and the dramatic increase in

homophobic violence over the last few years," said Hollie Conley of Gays and Lesbians Alliance Against Defamation. "For most Americans, living in places where lesbians and gays are terrorized into secrecy, movies represent their only source of information about our community. Films tell them repeatedly that we are criminals and caricatures, and that bigotry against us is perfectly acceptable."

**"Basic Instinct" is being given credibility because of its high profile players.**

The movie might be easy to dismiss if it were just another low-budget thriller. But "Basic Instinct" is being given credibility because of its high profile players: Michael Douglas, Academy award-winning star of "Wall Street" and "Fatal Attraction"; Paul Verhoeven, director of "Robocop" and "Total Recall"; and Joe Eszterhaz, writer of "Jagged Edge," "Betrayed" and "Music Box."

Why are these successful, talented people making a blatantly lesbophobic movie?

According to the *Wall*

*Street Journal*, Michael Douglas received about \$10 million to star in the film, Verhoeven got \$5 million to direct. Even more disturbing was the price paid for what many people think is an offensive script: A bidding war pushed the price-tag for Eszterhaz' story to a record \$3 million which sent shockwaves through Tinseltown.

The behind-the-scenes saga probably would make a better movie than "Basic Instinct."

In an amazing blunder, the producers, Carolco Pictures, tried to save money by shooting the movie in San Francisco, a well known sanctuary for gays and lesbians. Opposition from gays -- who felt insulted that their city was providing

support for a movie which promoted hatred of lesbians -- started as soon as the crew arrived. "We are not surprised to hear that Hollywood has once again decided to sacrifice the lives of lesbians and gay men in order to make money," said Rick Ruvulo, aide to S.F. Supervisor Harry Britt, who attempted to negotiate with filmmakers.

At a meeting between moviemakers and gay representatives, the situation boiled over.

Gays asked for changes in the script. Verhoeven, known for his blood-splattered movies,



Sharon Stone, "Basic Instinct's" Femme Fatale.

claimed "artistic integrity" and refused.

When diplomacy failed, Queer Nation and ACT UP took to the streets to dog the production for the length of the San Francisco shoot.

Spray-painting locations, honking horns during outdoor filming and tossing glitter at the crew, gays staged rowdy displays that put the producers on the offensive. Carolco

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## NJ: 6th State to Pass Rights Law

The New Jersey legislature became the sixth state body in the nation to pass anti-gay discrimination legislation. The bill now awaits action by Governor James J. Florio, who is expected to sign the legislation.

The bill, forms of which have been pending in the New Jersey legislature for eight years, was passed during the last minutes of the 1991 legislature's session. The Senate voted 21-0 to approve S-3758, which prohibits sexual orientation-based discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation, and credit or loans. The Assembly, where legislation originated as Bill A-634, passed the Senate

version shortly thereafter on a 45-7 vote.

"So many people were joyous and elated," said Janey Calkins, co-chair of the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition's A-634 Task Force. "People in the hallways were in tears, sobbing. It was especially important for the older members of the community, who have been discriminated against for so many years."

*Washington Blade*

## BMX Holds East Bay Conference

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## DC "Sodomites" Call for Repeal

More than 40 members of Queer Nation D.C. turned themselves in at the Third District Police Precinct recently to protest Washington's "archaic sodomy law."

"I am here today to turn myself in. I've sworn out an affidavit stating that I am a criminal for the way I make love. I fully expect the police to do their duty," said Stephen Smith of Queer Nation.

Smith said that the group "cut a deal with the police, so that eight people actually turned themselves in." The police wrote up the incident and turned their report over to the U.S. district attorney's office. Smith said both he and activist Greg Scott provided the police with sworn, notarized statements.

A bill to repeal the D.C. sodomy law has been introduced by Councilman Jim Nathanson, D-Ward 3, but the legislation has been stalled in committee. According to Smith, Councilwoman Whilamania Rolark, D-Ward 8, who heads the Judiciary Committee, has repeatedly refused to hold hearings on the proposed bill, because she does not favor the current law's repeal and believes the bill will die in committee.

Smith said that whether the U.S. district attorney's office prosecutes or not, it's a "win-win" either way. "If they refuse to prosecute [what is very solid evidence] it's a bonus for us; if it goes to court, it's a good way to test the law."

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## Homos Removed from WHO's List

The World Health Organization confirmed that, beginning in January 1993, it will no longer list homosexuality in its disease classification manual as a mental disorder. The change is expected to have significant impact for gays around the world.

*Washington Blade*

## Hundreds of Gays Murdered

"Social clean-up death squads" have murdered hundreds of gay men in Colombia over the past seven years, the International Lesbian and Gay Association reported in late November.

"The bodies of gay men, some of them transvestites and male prostitutes, have been found on the edge of roads near the largest cities of Bogota, Cali and Medellin, frequently with signs of torture and mutilation," ILGA said.

More than 325 murdered gays were identified from 1986 to 1990 by the now defunct Grupo de Ambiente (Gay Group) in Bogota, according to ILGA.

The main Colombian human rights group, Justicia y Paz, has no comparable figures, but acknowledges that "most crimes against homosexuals go unreported." Of the 773 death-squad killings logged by the group in the first half of 1991, three of the victims were known to be gay men.

Amnesty International has implicated the Colombian government in the death-squad activities. And ILGA charges that the killings are not investigated because of "police and military complicity."

Gay activists in at least two other Latin American nations - Brazil and Peru - also have reported widespread murders of gays by extremist forces.

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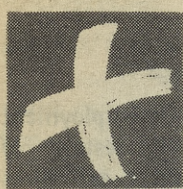
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Health Alert:

## TB on Rise Among HIV+ People

by Arturo Jackson III

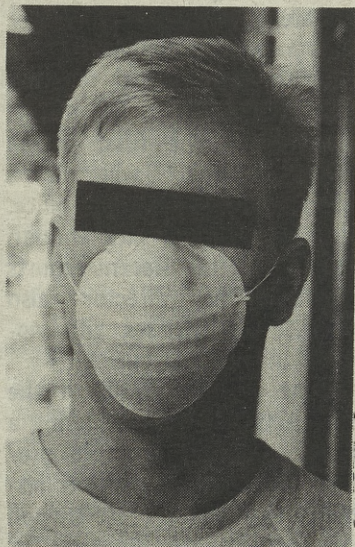
**R**esearchers have been reporting on a deadly risk associated with a drug-resistant tuberculosis and the HIV positive individual.

Experts have been reporting treatment-resistant strains of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, a highly contagious bacillus that causes TB, in alarming numbers of prisoners, hospital patients and people with HIV.

After three decades of decline, the incidence of the deadly tuberculosis has increased 5-6 percent per year nationally since 1985. The number of TB cases has steadily increased since then, with the highest increase, 9.4 percent reported, in 1990. Overall, between 1985 and 1990, 28,000 more TB cases were reported in the United States than health officials had anticipated.

One of the most current reports is a TB outbreak occurring in a residential home for HIV-positive individuals in San Francisco.

The report was published in the January 23, 1992 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. A total of 12 residents in the home were diagnosed with tuberculosis between December 1990 and April 1991. During the preceding six months, two patients



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receiving treatment for tuberculosis had been admitted to the residential facility. Three of the residents in the home died, and medical practitioners noted in two of the cases that tuberculosis was a contributory cause of death.

In San Francisco alone, tuberculosis has been diagnosed in 4 percent of the AIDS cases.

Experts report a combination of factors -- including the growing number of homeless and HIV-positive persons with weakened immune systems,

living in crowded situations with poor access to health care, and newly arrived immigrants -- have created an ideal environment for tuberculosis to flourish.

TB outbreaks have been reported among people with HIV, ARC and AIDS in New York and Miami, with a reported 75% mortality rate. "This is a neglected disease that is now coming back to haunt us," stated Barry Bloom, a Howard Hughes Investigator at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

An active tuberculosis infection in people with HIV infection is usually characterized by respiratory symptoms, which can include a non-productive cough, fever, chills, night sweats, weight loss, fatigue and shortness of breath. Tuberculosis is typically the result of a reactivation of a previously dormant infection. The general population has a reported lifetime risk of 5-10 percent. The increased risk of developing tuberculosis for the HIV-infected person exposed to the TB bacterium is 7 to 10 percent annually.

A significant difference in people with HIV who are diagnosed with an active case of tuberculosis when compared to the general population, a small fraction -- 3 to 5 percent of those infected with TB -- will develop an active tub-

erculosis case within the first year. Among the 12 HIV-infected residents previously noted, the spectrum of time between initial TB infection and disease onset ranged from 28 to 106 days.

Tuberculosis is an airborne bacterium, which has created a public health alert among health care providers. "It is not as infectious as measles," stated Stewart Coulter, a Communicable Disease Specialist with California's TB Control Program.

"Usually it takes long repeated exposure to a person infected with TB to catch it," emphasized Coulter. "However people who are HIV-infected or have an impaired

immune system have a higher risk of developing tuberculosis after becoming infected." Federal health officials have strongly encouraged the early detection of active TB cases, especially among high risk groups.

Public health experts have  
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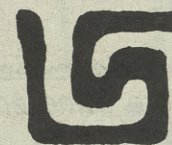
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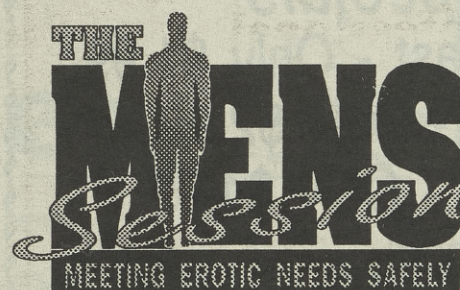
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became so intimidated by QN they even hired members of the Hell's Angels to beef up security.

Tensions reached a peak when producer Alan Marshall had 30 demonstrators arrested for trying to disrupt the shoot - after Carolco acquired a temporary restraining order barring them from location Tri-Star - which will release the picture - said, "censorship by street action will not be tolerated," when the incident

raised questions of First Amendment rights.

Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg countered, "I don't think the community has to put up with irresponsible depictions of gay and lesbian people...that's not censorship - it's an appropriate use of political strength."

Many gay activists were surprised to find media coverage of the events skewed in favor of the moviemakers. In some quarters, the protestors were branded as "thought police" for trying to affect the production.



Sharon Stone and Michael Douglas.

Ironically, the screenwriter of "Basic Instinct" has been the only one connected with the production to show any understanding of the backlash. While maintaining his story is not homophobic, he did submit several changes in an attempt to make it gay-sensitive. A line of dialogue where Michael Douglas taunts a lesbian to have a "man-to-man" talk would have been eliminated.

Detractors, suspicious of his motives, think the screenwriter is trying to have his cake and eat it too. With a cool \$3 million in the bank and no stake in the film's profits,

Eszterhaz may be trying to weasel out of responsibility for the mess. Wags say he also would like to continue living in the Bay area.

In an unusual turn-about, Ray Chalker, publisher of the Sentinel and owner of the Rawhide II - a gay country/western bar - also has had a rough time since "Basic Instinct" came to S.F. Chalker cut a deal with the producers to rent out his bar for filming although he later claimed he had not read the script. The controversy turned ugly when Chalker's car and property were damaged and his life threatened -- incidents many gays found regrettable.

What Douglas may regret is ever signing on to the movie.

After all the fuss, maybe "Basic Instinct" will die a quick death at the box office. But the script is slick enough to be a big hit. Recent reports indicate the director also cranked up the sex and violence in the final cut.

One positive result of the flap: Activists are considering a march on Tinseltown to protest movies that demean lesbians and gays. "Hollywood has been playing this game for 30 years," said GLAAD's Conley. "This is the last straw."

## HIV +

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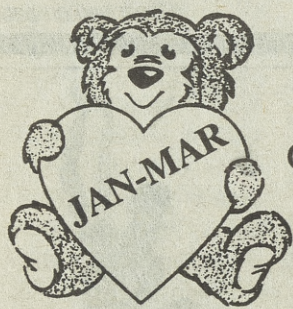
recommended pre-employment and annual TB testing of health care workers, as well as high risk individuals before they enter a group living situation, and immigrants who may be harboring the bacterium. To complicate matters, individuals with HIV infection may not be able to demonstrate a skin reaction to standard tuberculosis tests because of their impaired immune response, making screening for the bacterium difficult.

Health officials estimate that there are 12 to 15 million people in the United States who have been exposed to TB. "The majority -- approximately 90% -- of those exposed to TB will not develop an active case of tuberculosis," said Coulter.

"Tuberculosis disease is preventable with treatment. However, many patients who had an active case of TB do not continue follow-up treatment and this compounds the problem," stated Sally Smith, the TB Program Coordinator with the Sacramento County Health Department. People recovering from a case of active tuberculosis must take anti-TB medication for 6 to 18 months after the TB episode to fully eradicate the bacterium.

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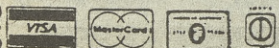
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Not surprising, some were easy to find - the "out" ones. Characters like Mo and company in the openly gay "Dykes to Watch Out For," or "Leonard & Larry" from the strip of the same name mark a new departure for comic characters in this post Stonewall world.

But what about the others - the battery of suspect characters - the ones from the past who may be more than they seem. Bugs Bunny, the meticulous, finicky rabbit, who is often seen wearing an apron while dusting his rabbit hole, is one character gays have long wondered about. He's never been above kissing Elmer Fudd, or even big burly construction workers, in order to woo them into submission. He does indeed charm the pants off his pals with clever wiles and undaunted persistence. Marci, from the comic strip Peanuts plods through life insistent on calling Peppermint Patty - the lovable and cute baby butch - "Sir." But outing those two would be like outing k.d.lang or Madonna.

Casper the Friendly Ghost also seems to be a tad nelly. He cries an awful lot - which is such an unmanly thing to do. Could there be a parallel

between the way Casper is ridiculed for being "different" and the way gay men are often mocked?

But what of the action comics? What of the super heroes who hide in phone booths, bat caves, and underwater castles? Could it be that some of them hide in closets as well?

One couple whose questionable relations have long been suspect are the **Caped Crusader** and the **Boy Wonder**, **Batman** and **Robin**. Do they remind one of a leather Daddy/Daddy's boy tandem - or what?

In **Superman**, we discover that the man who is faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, and is able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, is not quite able to say the "L" word, although he does address the issues of homophobia and legal discrimination based on sexual orientation. In one particular episode, **Maggie Sawyer**, a lesbian Metropolis police captain, is embroiled in a child custody suit with her ex-husband. Her lover stands faithfully by, but the courts award custody to her husband.

Adding another touch of realism, **Maggie** is beleaguered by a fellow police inspector - a would-be suitor, who just doesn't see that she is a lesbian. Our hero thinks; "It certainly seems ridiculous in this day and age that someone as upright as **Maggie Sawyer** should have to give up her child because she's... !#\*KABOOM\*#!? That's right. **Superman** is interrupted before he can say the "L" word.

But later, he challenges the issue of custody regarding **Maggie's** child. Even if **Superman** isn't prone to same sex relationships, he still defends the rights - and the hearts - of those who do. Perhaps it's something to do with his "difference," with his first-hand experience at leading a double life, in and out of the phone booth.

They call her **Wonder Woman**, but we've never wondered about **Diana**, a modern descendent of the Amazons. If you want to experience the real story of how Amazons were created on this earth, get the early **Wonder Woman** comics, still available at comic bookstores. See how the Amazons save the earth from the God of War. See how they protect the earth from unspeakable evil. See how **Wonder Woman** turns down **Superman**!

One of the most unusual gay finds, however, is in a character originally from the Millennium series, **Gregorio de la Vega**, an HIV-positive Peruvian super-telepath super hero who uses flowers to aid other comic book heroes. Before **Magic Johnson**, who could have imagined an HIV-positive super hero - with or without magical powers - gay or straight, but **Gregorio** was around long before **Magic**. That is unless you are gay or lesbian and have witnessed how many truly heroic HIV-positive people have passed before us and are with us still.

Perhaps because they are written for children and other outsiders, comics and cartoons show an amazing amount of empathy for the oppressed and the misunderstood.

Most people give up the world of fantasy - and the comics and cartoons - leaving this adventurous place to the young. For those adults still young enough to appreciate comics, the question is whether the comics will continue to reflect where we have been, where we will be, or where we can choose to go.

## SUPERHERO

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government's homophobia in handling the AIDS crisis is directed toward **Northstar** and the "innocent" baby with the disease.

In the ensuing fight (crash, bam, crack!) **Northstar** proclaims "I am gay!" and later calls a press conference to publicly come out as a gay man "who refuses to be a part of the homophobia that has perpetuated the deaths of so many."

Pam Rutt, publicity director for the New York-based publishing house commented "It's no great departure for us," Rutt said.

"What makes our stories appealing are the elements of realism we try to introduce. It was never our intention that anybody be anything, we just try to tell good stories."

The "Alpha Flight" comic book is available at Beyond



**Northstar**, gay superhero (above). Pro-gay response to bigoted ignoramus in recent issue (below left).

the Pale at 2029 J Street and at House of Monkey at 1815 K Street. Each of the stores also have information about other gay and lesbian characters in mainstream comics. ☐

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Alpha People  
I'm an off-and-on reader of ALPHA FLIGHT, as I sometimes find more interest in mighty mutant titles. So I missed out on a lot of Alpha stories, which I now regret. I've found back issues a bit hard to hunt down.  
In your 100th issue, a reader talked about reviving Northstar as a gay character. I must say hearing the likes of more open minds, but I'm bothered by this. A comic is supposed to tell of heroic people and their lives. Here I thought people looked up to heroes. I don't just be closed-minded, but I don't look up to people who can't conduct. We, the most intellectual animals, should at least know how to live. If our animals have better morals than we do, shouldn't the cats experiment on us, and the dogs keep us on chains?

You look up to lesbian and gay heroes everyday, Sam - you just don't realize that they're gay. But does it really matter? If someone takes their life to save another, is the act any less heroic because of whom that someone loves? As a fan of the mutant titles, you should realize that it's better to judge a person by what they do than who they are - whether that's Homo sapiens superior or homosexual.



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# February

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Michael Doucet & Beausoleil one of the greatest Cajun bands in the world will perform at the Palms Playhouse in Davis. For more info call 756-9901.

"Gathering" Asian American Women Artist Association exhibition at Lite Rail Gallery, 922 12th St. For hours and info call 441-1013. Runs thru Mar 6

Music Circus Broadway Series presents: Greater Tuna off-Broadway at 24th St. Theater. For tickets and info call 557-1999.



The Shell Series: Water based monoprints by Judy Hall are on exhibit at the Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd. For gallery hours and info call 488-1211. Runs thru April



The Sacramento Ballet presents the Sleeping Beauty at the Community Center Theatre. Tickets \$6-\$35 available at the Community Center Theatre Box Office. For info and show times call 736-2866.

Feb. 14 & 15

## FRIDAYS

Country Western Dance (lessons too) at 7:30 p.m. the activity center of River City MCC, 34th & Broadway. For info call 454-4726.

Cafe Lambda' gay/lesbian coffee house features coffees, desserts and occasional entertainment from 8 p.m. - midnight at the Lambda Center. For info call 442-0185.

15 saturday

Valentine's Erotica Ball, a benefit for Sacramento AIDS Foundation at the Capitol Plaza Hall Fraternity Room, 1025 9th St. Costume or formal attire, Music by Joey. For more info call 457-5830.

JOY OF JAZZ: "The Royal Crown Revue" & Jazz Ensemble" will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the music recital hall on the CSUS campus. Tickets are \$4.50 students \$6 general.

SACWN presents a "Hearts & Roses" Valentine Dance at the Cal Expo Club at 8 p.m. (Enter gate 12 at Hurley & Arden) Disc Jockey "Jammin Jo" will provide music. Call 486-8985 for tickets.



Ronald Paulat, Oil Pastels will be on exhibit at the Michael Himovitz Gallery 1020 10th St. in Sacramento For Gallery hours or info call 448-8723.

Feb 15 - 29



Maria Winkler, Pastels & Watercolors will be on display at the Himovitz-Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Lane. For hours or info call 925-5917. Feb 15 - 29

## SATURDAYS

Hands On Art Activities for the whole family at the Crocker Art Museum from 1 - 3 p.m. For info call 264-5423.

16 sunday

Central Valley Leather Daddy / Daddy's Boy contest will be held at the Wreck Room 10:30 p.m. Free admission.

A Center for Metaphysical Practice and the Church of Enthusiasm & Joy presents a Psychic Faire from noon to 4:30 p.m. at 2550 Valley Rd. Suite 5. free.

Affirmation, (United Methodists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns) is hosting a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H St. For more info call 489-2340.



## SUNDAYS

Gay Families a support group for gay men & lesbians with children and those considering parenthood. 4th Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For info call 387-8862.

Christian Community Fellowship meets in the community meeting room at the Wreck Room at 2 p.m. Call 731-7620 for info.

Tea Dance at FACES 3 - 7 p.m., barbecue 5 p.m., country/western 7 p.m.

## MONDAYS

Women's Group for Sexual Abuse Survivors meets every other Monday beginning Feb. 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For info and location call 783-0579.

Affirmation: United Methodists for lesbian & gay concerns meets the 1st Monday of each month For more info call 489-2340.

Women's Rap & Social at the Lambda Center, 7-9 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

Men's Coming Out Group at the Lambda Center from 5:30-7 p.m. For info call 442-0185

Lesbian Gay Town Council meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 448-0422.

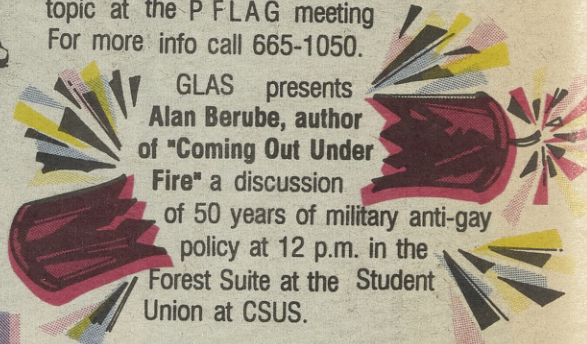
Stop Smoking a drop-in, self-help program at the Lambda Center at 5:30 p.m. For info call 442-0185.



18 tuesday

"How Religious Organizations are Dealing with Homosexuality and AIDS" will be the topic at the P FLAG meeting For more info call 665-1050.

GLAS presents Alan Berube, author of "Coming Out Under Fire" a discussion of 50 years of military anti-gay policy at 12 p.m. in the Forest Suite at the Student Union at CSUS.



## TUESDAYS

Heart to Heart a mens discussion group at the AIDS Foundation, 920 20th St. from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For info call 448-2437.

Being Gay Today, 10 p.m. on cable 18. One hour of lesbian & gay programming from around the country & beyond.

Gay & Lesbian Student Union meets in Rm. A-7, Sac. City College at 12 noon. For more info call 381-7141.



19 wednesday

**Censorship & The Arts** a public forum & video presentation at 7 p.m. at the Women's Bldg. 3543 18th St San Francisco. Free admission.

Matrix Gallery will exhibit the watercolors of **Shanon Bickford, Linda Edwards and Robynn Smith**. The Matrix Gallery is located at 1725 I St. For info call 441-4818 **Feb. 19 - Mar. 20**

## CIGARS

**Medea Benjamin**, executive director of **Global Exchange**, will present a critical view of what is currently going on in Cuba at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall of St. Francis Church on K St. between 25th and 26th.

20 thursday

**The Politics of Racial Prejudice** will be presented by Dr. Manning Marable in the Redwood Room at CSUS at 11:45 a.m.

## THURSDAYS

**Women's Coming Out Group** at the Lambda Center from 6 - 7:30 p.m. For more info call 442-0185.

**Being Gay Today**, 9 p.m. on cable 18. One hour of lesbian & gay programming from around the country & beyond.

**Being Alive Living Room HIV+** support group from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Lambda Center. Call 442-0185 for info.

**GLAS**(Gay & Lesbian Alliance of Sac) meets at 8 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the Student Union, CSUS. For info call 429-1360

21 friday

Sacramento Theatre Company presents: **Marcia Lewis** in an evening of hysterical songs and satire, \$25, call now - seating is limited, 3 performances only! For info and reservations call 443-6722.

**Feb. 21 & 22**

The Davis Musical Theatre Company presents **Oklahoma**, at 2121 2nd St. in Davis at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general and \$8 seniors and students. For info call 756-3682.

**Feb 21 - Mar 29**

**Torch Song Trilogy** will be at Reno Little Theatre, 690 North Sierra Street in Reno. For tickets and info call 702) 329-0661. **Feb. 21 - Mar 13**

**The Trip to Bountiful** will be performed at 8 p.m. at the Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Road. For info call 489-7529. **Feb 21 - Mar 28**

22 saturday

National Entertainment presents the **Winter Bluegrass Festival** at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Lake Merritt in Oakland. For tickets and info call 415) 285-0339.

23 sunday

**Arlo Guthrie** in concert at the Crest Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at BASS/TM outlets, Howe Ave. Box Office & Barney's Records in Davis.

## Spaghetti Feed

at the Wreck Room sponsored by Empress Garnet and Emperor Leonard. Call the bar for more information 456-1181.

26 wednesday

## Watch the Stars Come Out!

at the Fifth Annual Lake Tahoe AIDS Task Force Benefit at Caesar's Tahoe.

For tickets or info call 542-0131.

27 thursday

**Second City Comedy Troupe** will perform at UC Davis' Freeborn Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7-\$14 at the Campus Box Office and all BASS/TM outlets. For more info call 757-3841.

**Understanding Sexual Harassment**, a panel discussion will explore causes, effects and solutions 11:45 a.m., Student Board Chambers at CSUS.

28 friday

**Holly Near** in concert at the Crest Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$14.50 advance, \$16 at the door, available at BASS/TM outlets, Howe Ave. Box office and Barney's in Davis.

Sacramento Opera Association presents **Romeo et Juliet** at the Community Center Theatre. Tickets are \$16.50 - \$39 available at all BASS/TM outlets and the Community Center Box Office. Call 264- 5181 for show times and info.

**Feb. 28, Mar. 1 & 3**

29 saturday

**The Sacramento Travel Fair World Tour '92** at the Sacramento Convention Center. Open to the public from 1 - 5 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

# March

1 sunday

**Bruce Cockburn** in concert at 8 p.m. at the Crest Theatre. Tickets are \$17.50 advance, \$20.50 at the door, available at BASS/TM outlets.

2 monday

Reception for Local Artist **Thom Green** at Paragary's Restaurant, 2394 Fair Oaks Blvd. from 4 - 6 p.m. For more info call 485-7100.

3 tuesday

**The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber** with special guest star **Michael (The Phantom of the Opera) Crawford**, at the Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco. For more info call 415) 956-4781.

6 friday

## Celebrate Diversity Week '92,

a series of workshops, presentations and films that show how the gay & lesbian community adds diversity in our culture. For more info and a schedule of events call 209) 946-2444. **Mar. 6 - 13**

7 saturday

Join the **AIDS Dance-a-thon** to raise money to benefit various AIDS programs in the San Francisco area, will be at the Festival Pavilion at Fort Mason 7 p.m. to midnight. For info call 415) 392-9255.

Artists reception for the **Women in History Month** exhibition: **"Pain Transfigured"** a group show curated by Mirium Davis at Archival Framing's Gallery, 1729 L St. at 7 p.m. For more info call 444-9624.

8 sunday

An annual concert of Irish music presented by **Public Domain** will be performed by **"Arcady"**, a new group from Ireland, at the Crest Theatre 7:30 p.m. call 985-3411.

**International Women's Day** - Sacramento reception at Chocolate Ripple, 1309 21st Street. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 25 artists will be represented.

12 thursday

**Courage in Hidden Honduras: The Fight for Land and Liberty** will be presented by Elvia Alvarado at St. Francis Church 7:30 p.m. For more info call 447-2424.

**An Event in 3 Acts**, at the Sacramento Community Center, 8 p.m. The Names Project Quilt, and the Heart Strings performance. For info call 923-2951.

**Mar. 12 - 15**

15 sunday

**La Cage Awful** at the Town House. 7 p.m. Announcement of candidates.

17 tuesday

St. Patrick's Day

20 friday

**Star's Talent Showcase** competition for local singers, rappers and dancers, with a grand prize of \$1,000. For info and audition times call 921-2984.

21 saturday

SACWN presents a **"Women's Herstory Concert"** with **Judy Fjell** singing at the Clarion Inn at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and info call 486-8985.

## Plan-It In Advance

To list your events in the Daily Plan-it, send a brief description of the event along with any graphic images you may have before the 5th of each month to: **the latest ISSUE**, P.O. Box 160584, Sacramento, CA 95816.





# RUMOR HAS IT

**I**t's nice to see so many lesbians and gays on television these days. The Olympics are full of family. I wish Charles Kuralt would do a little commentary on the "Gay and Proud Olympians."

Well one confirmed cool brother of outrageous Sacramento lesbian Shannon Morgan is in the Olympics this time around. Jim Morgan is one of the best skiers in the world and hopefully the games allow him to achieve the best performance of his life.

Shannon was the owner of the women's bar the Blue Moon, and DJ. Patty Pardue hopes to bring back the crowd, the music and the women to FACES on March 4.

Patty Pardue also got San Francisco DJ. Page Hodel to come to FACES in early February to do a fundraiser for the Lavender Angels. \$1200 was raised with the event. Thank you Terry Sidie!

FACES is going through major changes with a totally remodeled light, sound and ventilation system. Each week

for the next month or so, you'll have to go in and watch it evolve into a even better place to party.

More than 150 people turned out for the latest ISSUE's grand opening bash Jan. 24,

clubs and the latest ISSUE will be sponsoring a New Year's Eve party for 1993. With almost a full year to plan, you can be sure this will be the hottest party of next year.

ISSUE Editor, Dell Richards



ISSUE owners Sara Myers, Michael Patterson and Kate Moore.

with deals being stuck at every turn and dates being made in the quiet corners of the room.

One such deal was between Michael Boyd, president of River City Democratic Club (RCDC) and Sharon Liberatore of Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC). The two

introduced herself to the crowd at the party and the rest of Sacramento during an interview with Channel 3 news. Channel 3 came looking for a story on a slow news day and hit Dell with the question of "outing." Oh don't worry you closeted legislators, you're safe

as long as you vote the right way. . .

Hopefully we will find more elected representatives at the Capitol who are willing to stand behind a gay rights bill in the next session since the ballot initiative is dead. Sacramento activists Phil Smith, Nicole Wilkerson, Karen Guckert and others hustled up nearly 5000 signatures in Sacramento alone. Lets hope Assemblyman Terry Friedman can convince Gov. Wilson to sign it into law this time. Yea sure. Pretty soon the gay republicans will try and convince us he's really a nice guy. NOT.

A gay republican Log Cabin Club has recently formed in Sacramento led by Kevin Wadsworth and Marty Keller. Kathy Hatch, CAPPAC member was selected a member of the board of directors of the new group.

The Lambda Community Center now has a new board of directors, sans Jerry Sloan. The new president of the Lambda Board is Marge Covino (Jerry Sloan in drag.)

Speaking of cross-dressing,

the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire (CGNIE) announced that the Chico Court is now on its own. They held their first official coronation with Calvin Near and his partner Steven winning the exalted titles of Emperor and Empress of Chico.

Lady Garnet and Leonard, Empress and Emperor of CGNIE, are planning their stepping down coronation in April and it is guaranteed to be



Dale Zeitler and Stacy Selmants at the new office party.

one of the largest events in recent memory with the International Court Conference being held in Sacramento the same weekend at the Downtown Holiday Inn. A visual extravaganza for the clueless staying at the Holiday Inn that weekend.

On March 15 the candidates for the CGNIE titles of Emperor and Empress will be announced at the Town House during La Cage Awful. The

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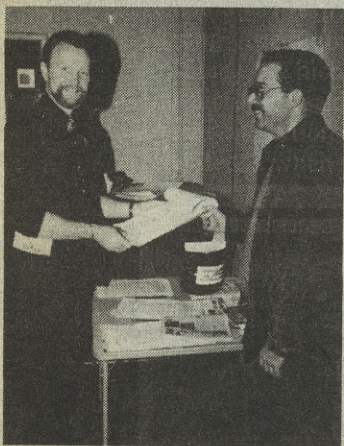
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event is organized again this year by Vannah. La Cage Awful is an opportunity for organizations and individuals to



Leonard Harris and Phil Wilson.

harass friends and co-workers to do a performance in drag for charity.

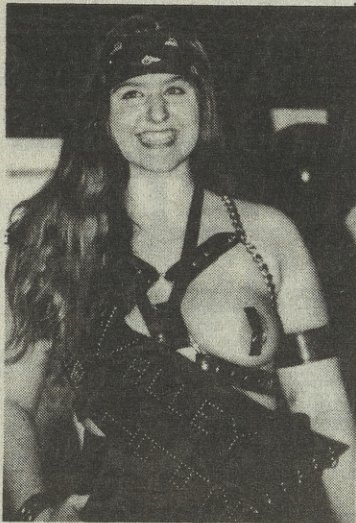
Giving to charity is a common occurrence at the Wreck Room, with Randy Gray and the hairy men of The Bare Chest Competition. The next competition is scheduled for March 28 and all proceeds go to charity. Winners of the monthly contests will be featured on a 1993 calendar.

You Elizabeth Taylor fans probably have Feb. 27 on your calendar to remind you to celebrate her 60th birthday. You can bet Bobbette at the Mercantile Saloon is planning a Liz Taylor movie matinee all day long to celebrate this joyous event. It seems Liz is catching up to Bobbette's age.

Speaking of age, celebrating birthdays this month are Lady

Garnet, Joseph of Joseph's Town and Country, Rachel and Ernie Brown. Ernie is planning a Pisces Party at the Mercantile Saloon on March 9. Pisces is the sign of the fish and if you haven't seen the Merc's aquarium you must check out the LaKish fish. There is even one that looks kind of like Ernie. The Paul fish is lacking the bushy facial hair but has the same personality, wild and full of fun.

Fun was had by all at the Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather Feb. 1 with Carolina Byram winning the title. The crowd was filled with hard core leather enthusiasts, with only a few "looky-loos" in preppy fashion statements. Patlar editor Martin Casey was there because "it's his job" to check



Carolina Byram.

out the attractive men in attendance. With a slip of the tongue Martin let it be known



Ms. Leather 91 Jana Courson says thanks for a great year.

he's been spending a lot of time on his knees... it's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it.

Another exotic, erotic event is planned for Feb. 15, the Valentine's Erotica Ball, produc-

ed by wild woman Karen Andrade. Rumor has it, lots of people are planning to turn

out for this lusty dance till you drop party, so be there.

Another place to make sure and check out is Muffins Etc.

It seems the owners have ambitious plans for the near future... keep your coffee cup waiting.

Coffee seems to be a hot commodity in this city. New Helvetia is planning to open another location and Espresso Metro already has. I guess Macy's should get in the coffee business.

Catch you next month!

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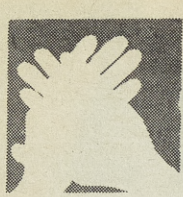
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## AIDS Musical to Raise Money For Sacto

"Heart Strings," a nationally acclaimed musical with a celebrity narrator is coming to Sacramento March 12.

Since its premiere in 1986, the dazzling production has raised more than \$3.5 million nationwide for community-based AIDS organizations.

Sacramento profits will go to local AIDS organizations and services.

The evening -- which is the first part of "An Event in

Three Acts" -- will highlight an as-yet unannounced celebrity narrator who will tie well-known pieces of contemporary music to letters and poems of people with AIDS, their families and friends.

"It's very exciting to see this come to Sacramento," said Tim Kelleher, administrator for the local project. "The musical is upbeat, fun to watch and engaging for people of all ages."

In the past, such superstars as Christopher "Superman" Reeves, Joel "Cabaret" Grey, and Marlo "That Girl" Thomas have volunteered to narrate.

But celebrity narrators aren't the only big names on the masthead. The organiza-



Trojan women sing about Trojan Condoms.

tion is chaired by former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn. National spokespersons are actresses

Nell Carter and Sandy Duncan.

The Sacramento performance will also include a local gospel choir and men's chorus.

The second part of "An Event" will be an exhibit of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt from March 13 to 15. This moving token of remembrance will be displayed in Sacramento at a location to be announced.

"The Quilt is a worldwide symbol of the care and concern we have for people living with AIDS," said Kelleher.

The third part of "An Event" is a call for volunteers to raise \$125,000 for local AIDS education and care.

"It is an opportunity for our community to assist in providing education and care for people living with AIDS," said Kelleher. "It is an opportunity to share with others and have a real impact."

Tickets for the "Heart Strings" performance start at \$25 and \$50 with \$100 tickets including a post-performance reception with the cast and celebrities. For tickets, call the Community Center Box Office.

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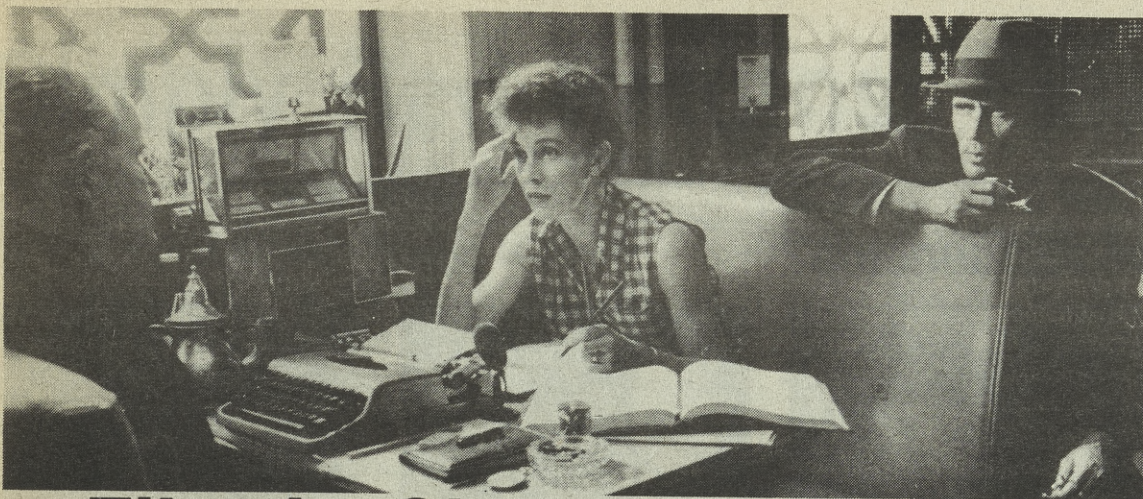
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## Film is Class of it's Own

by Chris Gerald

**N**aked lunch. A metaphor for all the substances that control us.

"Naked Lunch," the title a gift to novelist William S. Burroughs from fellow beat writer Jack Kerouac. Published in 1959, it was "the" counterculture novel, chaotic and fragmented, and impossible to translate to the screen.

Director and screenwriter David Cronenberg did what any visionary filmmaker would do, he threw out the book. "The Brood," "Scanners," and the remake of "The Fly" have proven that Cronenberg is an inventor. By using linear structure, Cronenberg created

a movie about the process it took to write "Naked Lunch," using the spirit of the book as the core.

Peter Weller is superb as Bill Lee, a former junkie turned bug exterminator. Wife Joan (Judy Davis) gets him hooked on his pest powder and Lee's life plunges into a nightmare world of giant cockroaches with talking orifices and "mugwumps," a humanoid creature that spews fluid from tentacles.

Lee hallucinates into a world where he becomes an agent for an unknown spy ring, escaping into the Interzone (Tangiers) and the addictive meat of the "giant Brazilian aquatic centipede," writing reports for unknown masters.

Cronenberg uses his film to show that addiction takes

many forms, the least of which is drugs.

There are six characters in the movie who are writers. This is no accident. Each one of these people brings a different understanding of the creative process and the threat it holds over their lives. Writing to Bill Lee (and perhaps Burroughs) is an exorcism of his pain, a means of trying to find his way out of a sense of loss.

"Naked Lunch" may be hard for some to watch. It is at times grotesque, violent and offensive, but the intelligence of the script and the compelling performances of Weller, Davis, Ian Holm, Julian Sands and Joseph Scorsiani challenge its audience. Something rarely seen in films these days.

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## "Final Analysis"

**P**oor Mr. Hitchcock. He must surely be turning over in his grave over the current new release, "Final Analysis." Obviously paying homage to the "Great One," director Phil Joanou and screenwriter Wesley Strick would do well to return to film school for a couple of quarters more.

Falling into plot holes the size of the Grand Canyon, Richard Gere plays a psychiatrist caught up in murder and intrigue with two beautiful sisters. Uma Thurman plays the "timid" one overshadowed by secrets of the past. Big sister Heather is played by the always uncomfortable Kim Basinger, seeking out the good doctor to reveal the family skeletons.

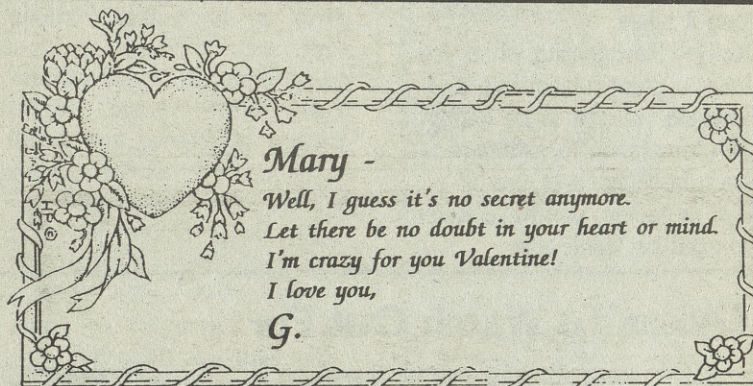
There is a crumbling lighthouse, an abusive gangster husband (Eric Roberts, always great playing slime buckets), mistaken identity and a cold blooded seduction of audiences everywhere. Comparisons to "Fatal Attraction" are sure to follow. But where "Fatal Attraction" left unanswered questions, "Final Analysis" is totally lacking any credibility.

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# street WHYS

by Karen Jay

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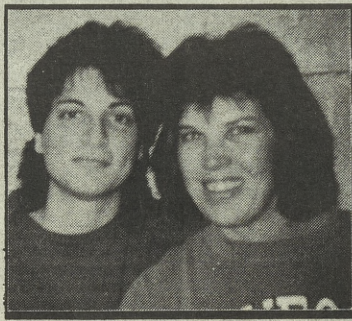
**Kelly:** Recognizing when you have a great relationship and allowing yourself to be happy. The temptation to sabotage is great because everyone is well protected, you have to let yourself be vulnerable.



### Together 28 Years

**Leonard:** Never losing the ability to talk, no matter how much you fight.

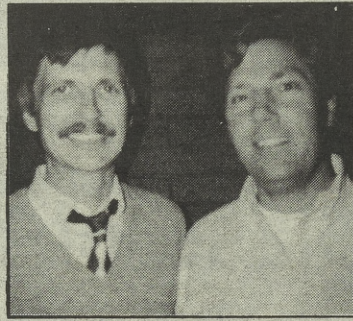
**Lady Garnet:** Never letting a day go by without telling your partner you love them.



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**Joy:** Communication, compatibility, trust, honesty, individuality, patience and lust, but not always in that order.

**Carolyn:** That and determination to stick with your commitment to each other. Plus an occasional surprise to shake things up!



### Together 18 Years

**Pete:** A lot of trust, a lot of love, understanding the person and letting them be themselves, and then letting me be me, and after 18 years we've gotten into that pretty well.

**Tony:** Each partner giving 70% probably to the relationship. It's more than a 50-50 situation. Each side has to give at least 70% to make it work.

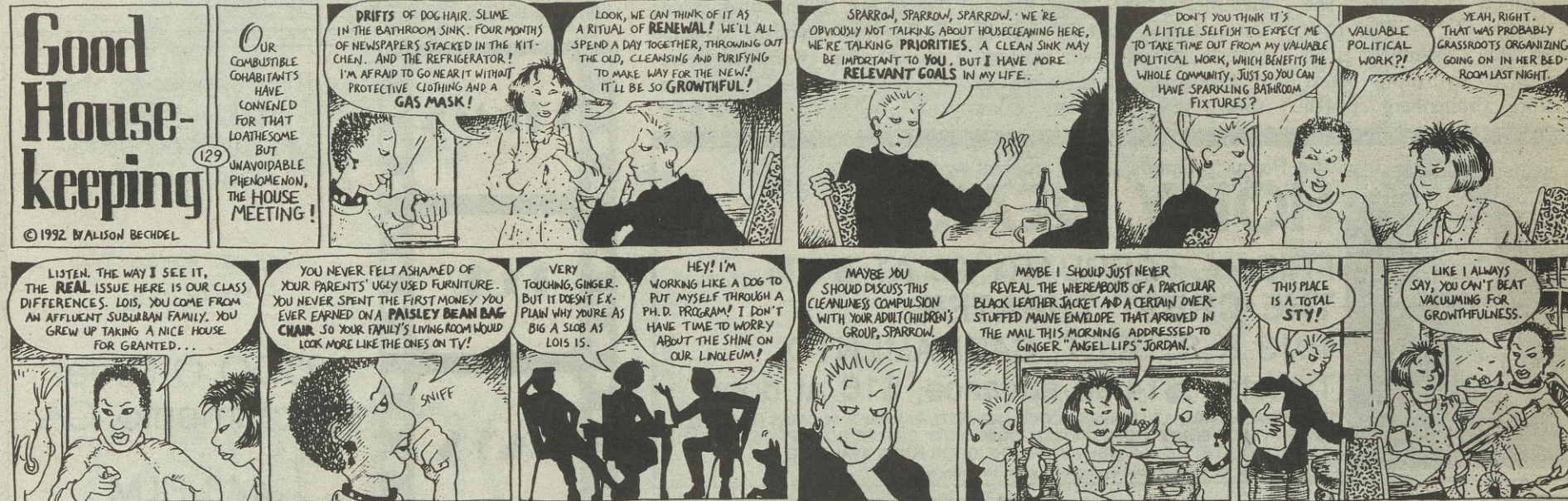


### Together 14 Years

**Janie:** It takes commitment to one another, trust and being able to communicate and realizing we are both equals.

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# Simply Red Returns; Plus Ingrid Chavez

by Bill Peterson

**S**o, it's February, Spring is nearly here, and the sounds of love are fluttering through the air. Despite the golden glow of the sun, I spy two deceptively romantic clouds with mischievous cherubs riding along...The first is STARS, the return of Mick Hucknall and company - aka Simply Red.

This, album number four, finally delivers on the promise so apparent in their previous albums. While their past efforts have been hit-and-miss affairs, STARS is consistently strong throughout.

This time around, Hucknall eases up on his mission to prove that he is a great soul singer. By eliminating his overly earnest attempts to gain respect, he ends up shining more brightly than on previous albums.

Recorded in Venice, Italy, the sound of the album is warm and inviting. Leaning more to ballads, Simply Red play a fine selection of mid-tempo tunes. Despite the romantic sound, there is a dark tone, lyrically, in several of the songs. "Our love was like the wind/we blew it away/tired of dealing with your games/praying I'll never need you again," Mick sings in "How Could I Fall."

Luckily, the band is just as successful in its more energetic songs, as the first two singles, "Something Got Me Started" and "Stars" prove. But it is the album's closing song that is the high point. "Wonderland" features vocal by keyboardist Fritz McIntyre which gives a resonant contrast to Hucknall's blissful tone.

Speaking of wonderland, that other ominous cloud is


the self-titled debut by Ingrid Chavez. On the opening cut, "Heaven Must Be Near," Ingrid tells us how she gets her inspiration. "I sit my nights moonazing, pulling stars from the sky/and building my dreams upon their very light." As background music, Chavez' songs suggest a sensual intimacy. Still, the lyrics provide some dark embellishments here and there. "Because you



Simply Red's Mick Hucknall

see, I get it/I'm your Slappy Dappy/the slap happy doll/laugh when I'm sad/cry when I'm happy." Another abusive relationship is told in "Sad Puppet Dance."

Ingrid's music is an interesting mix - like going to a poetry reading at a dance club. Most of the time, breathy Ingrid recites her neo-hippie prose while sparse string and percussion arrangements follow her musings. On "Jadestone," she talks to the semi-precious gem, asking it questions, and on "Candle Dance," she boldly dares a flame to "flicker/go on, flicker." Although this may sound a bit dippy on paper, by whis-

pering her secrets through the speakers, she lures the listener into her own mesmerizing environment, taking us to a place where rocks can talk and Ingrid's "paisley door is open wide/so take my hand and come inside." 



Ingrid Chavez.

## Mz. Mixit's Top Ten Music Picks

by D.J. Patty Pardue of FACES

1. We Got A Love Thang - CeCe Peniston
2. Everybody's Free - Rozalla
3. Pride (A Deeper Love) - Clivilles & Cole
4. The Wave of the Future - Quadrophenia
5. Vibeology - Paula Abdul
6. Finally - CeCe Penniston
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# A Hot Night of Leather Fantasy and Fetish

by Mike Kelly

A heterosexual woman was given one of Sacramento leather community's highest honors Feb. 1 when she was named Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather.

Carolina Byram won a two-woman contest at Joseph's Town & Country over Sacramento Leather Association

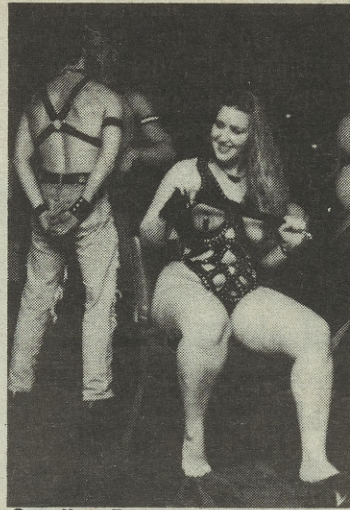
member, Lorna Daskalu, a gay mother and grandmother.

Although Byram is straight - and could compete at both

bisexual and straight leather contests - she has preferred going to gay leather functions since she was first introduced to the leather world by a gay male friend.

"I like the smell and touch of leather, the sensual and sexual feel of wearing it," said Byram. "And I like my gay friends."

Although it was a hot-and-heavy contest, it didn't matter



Carolina Byram.

As a climax, Daskalu's torso was decorated with hot wax.

Local judges were Bill Gooch, the current Mr. Northern California Drummer; Kelly Goens, Ms. Leather Sacramento to 1990; and Shannon Morgan of Sacramento's Plain Jane Neon. J.C. Collins was the master of ceremonies.

A performance by the current Mr. Leather Sacramento, Wes Patterson, about sex with a cop followed. A fantasy by the former Ms. Leather Sacramento, Kim Wallace - of being an inanimate object that still could come alive to seduce her lover - closed the evening.

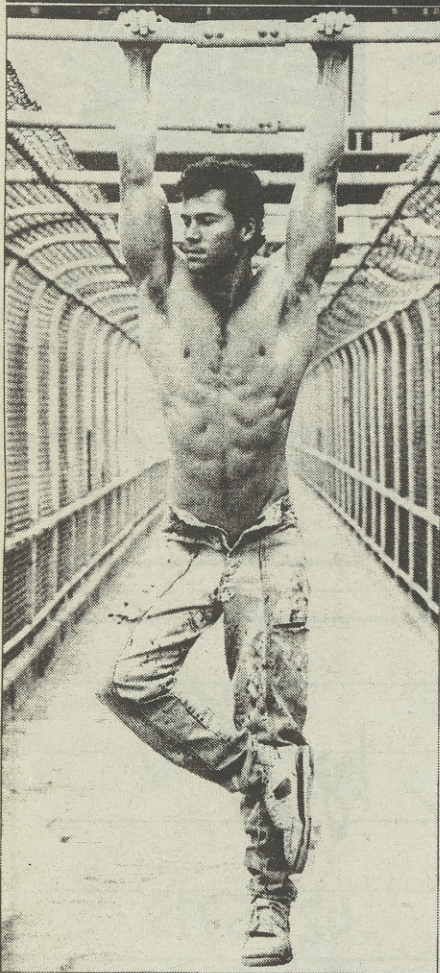
In the year that Byram will be the reigning monarch, she plans a men and women's chest contest as well as a "sticky nipples" contest for Amazons who like to bare their breasts.

Money raised from leather events during Byram's term, Byram said probably would go to WEAVE, Hope House, Gay

who won to either participant.

"We knew we were in it together," said Byram. "I had been calling Lorna [the runner-up] almost every day since she decided to run. It didn't matter who won. We were both winners."

Byram's fantasy involved two leathersmen in a domination scene in the background and a woman who ignored her



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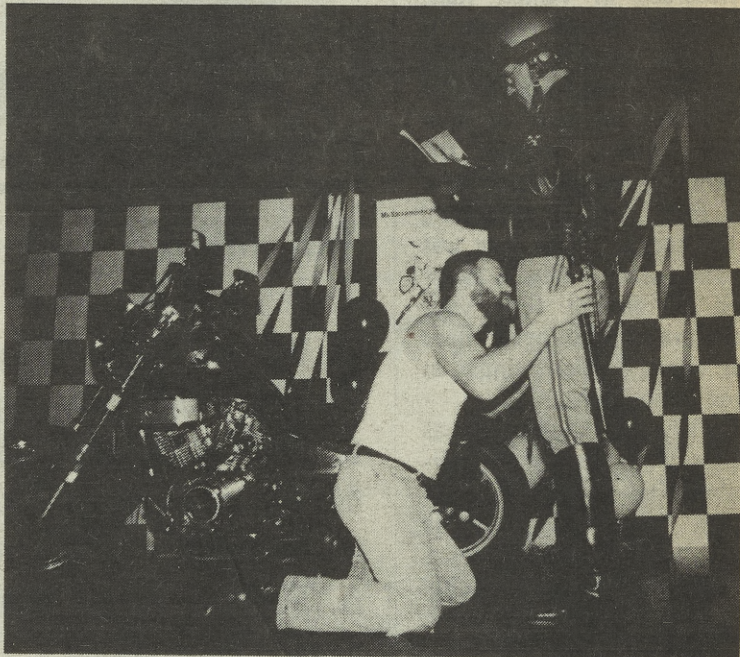
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Wes Patterson, on his knees for a cop.

advances. But being a domination fantasy, Byram triumphed in the end, leading the woman off-stage on a leash.

Daskalu's fantasy also involved a bondage scene which nearly went over the edge even for an audience experienced with outrageous fantasies. In her fantasy, Daskalu's clothes were unpeeled bit by bit until her chest was bare except for the requisite electrical tape on her nipples.

### DEADLINES

The editorial deadline for our next issue is March 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by March 5th.

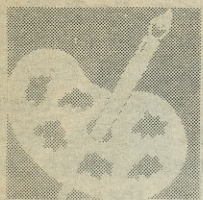
Families and the Lambda Center.

For anyone interested in seeing a leather show, audiences are welcome at the Wreck Room. On Sunday, February 16, Central Valley Leather is holding a Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest at 10:30 p.m.

Workshops also are held in the "Back Room" with lessons on Basic Bondage being given March 14 at 8 p.m. It covers the "do's" and "don't's" of simple precautions used to avoid injury with a hands-on demonstration. No starter kits required but accessories and toys are welcome.

For more info, call the Leather First Gay Bulletin Board at 362-4663 or 974-1262.





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# GALLERY GUIDE!

## Kingsley Art Club Celebrates Centennial

by D. Oldham

**T**his month the Kingsley Art Club celebrates its centennial year with a city-wide exhibition of past Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition participants.

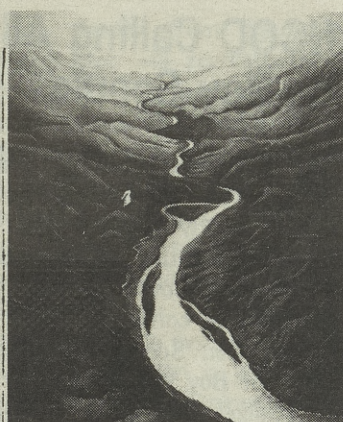
Twenty Sacramento galleries are participating in the celebration which kicks off February 15 with coinciding receptions. Founded in 1892, the Kingsley Art Club furthers art education in the community. The annual Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition -- this year will be the 67th -- is one of the most popular competitions in California. Well known artists such as Wayne Theibaud, Fred Daulkey, Tom Rippon and Ken Waterstreet are showing work in this month's exhibitions. Some of the other participating artists include: Fred Gordon and Karen Roughton at the Art Works Gallery; Glen Takai and Gary Viviano at Jennifer Pauls Gallery; and David King and Ron Paulat at the Michael Himovitz Gallery, downtown. Check the gallery listing for addresses and reception times.

Because the Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition changes from year to year, and each exhibition is chosen by a different juror, this month's exhibits reflect the diversity and variety of past exhibits. The classic lines of Pam Maddock's room-sized figure drawing provides a sharp contrast to the delicate tones of Tom Rippon's sculpture presented side-by-side at the Judith Weintraub Gallery. In the same space is an overwhelming painting, "Vermeer's Lady II" by six-time Kingsley artist Ken Waterstreet. The

exhibit is housed in the back room of the gallery and is an excellent over-view of the Crocker-Kingsley's past.

One of the largest exhibits is at the Michael Himovitz Gallery, downtown. Ron Paulat, a Sacramento artist who participated in the 1964 and 1968 Kingsley, is showing landscapes rendered in pastel on paper. The works are painterly, with the pastel applied in layers and meticulously brushed for texture. The lush blues and greens pull the viewer into these sumptuous landscapes, making this show a good way to spend a leisurely afternoon. Also showing in the gallery are the works of Wulf Meyer -- a non-Kingsley artist -- and the sculpture of David King, a five-time Kingsley participant. Call the gallery at (916) 448-8723 for info.

This year's Crocker-Kingsley



"Ragged Fingers" by Ron Paulat.

opens with a reception April 24 at 7:00 p.m. The competition is open to any artist who resides in Central or Northern California and entries are being accepted through March 2. There is a \$15.00 fee. For more info call the museum at (916) 264-5423. This is one of the art events of the year, so check the gallery listing for the Kingsley activities.

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### THE KINGSLEY ART CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

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Fred Gordon  
Karen Roughton  
Patricia Szymanowski  
and others

**Artists Contemporary Gallery** at 1200 K Street shows:  
Fred Daulkey  
Gregory Kondos  
Ruth Rippon  
Wayne Thiebaud and others

**Jennifer Pauls Gallery** at 1825 Q Street has:  
Maria Aquilar  
Richard Feese  
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Gary Viviano  
and others

**Judith Weintraub Gallery** at 1723 J Street features:  
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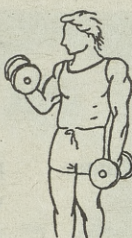


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## NEWSBITS

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### Judy Fjell to Sing for SACWN

**S**inger, songwriter Judy Fjell will teach women how to empower themselves through lesbian voices at the SACWN Women's Her-

story Concert, March 20th.

A woman who has been called the "Sing Along Queen" by Paul Phillips of "Romanovsky & Phillips," Fjell isn't shy about her belief that singing plays an integral part in self discovery. "Our voices are tied to our self expression and the development of our lesbian and gay culture," Fjell says.

Fjell will celebrate women's

and lesbian history by sharing a retrospective of women's music that is lesbian-affirming. Violinist-vocalist Crystal Reeves will join her. She hopes you will sing along, but that's not necessary to enjoy the concert. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel. Tickets are available through SACWN at 486-8985.

### NCOD Calling All Ex-Boy Scouts

**N**ational Coming Out Day organizers recently joined with Forgotten Scouts, a group of gay ex-Boy Scouts, to call all ex-Scouts to come out.

Forgotten Scouts hopes to make the Boy Scouts of America realize that some former Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts and Explorers were gay.

This is an opportunity for former Scouts to make a dent in anti-gay bias of the Boy

Scouts of America and to acknowledge what they learned from Scouting.

Forgotten Scouts hopes to prove that gay people have always been an important part of the BSA's success and that many gay people are excellent role models for both children and adults.

National Coming Out Day is a national educational organization dedicated to the support of the gay and lesbian community in participating fully, equally, and openly in society.

For more info write Forgotten Scouts, 1072 Folsom St. #383, San Francisco, CA 94103 or call (415) 905-6120.

### RCDC Elects New Officers

**T**he River City Democratic Club elected the following new officers in January: Co-Chair's: Katie Merrill & Michael Boyd, Treasurer: Kimberly Harbison, Leg-

islation Chair: Doug Ford, Finance Chair: Dan Palomino, Program Chair: Ed Condon, Community Liaison Co-Chair: Tim Larrabee.

The following officers are continuing in the positions they held this past year: Secretary: Michael Madden, Membership Chair: Terrie Chrysler, Political Action Chair: Robert Jordan, Public Relations Chair, Karl Greene, Community Liaison Co-Chair: Julie Mullen.

The River City Democratic Club works to improve the lives of lesbians and gay men in the Sacramento area by:

- \* Increasing volunteer involvement with the Democratic Party and in political campaigns,

- \* Building coalitions with people of color, women and young lesbians and gay men,

- \* Presenting educational programs for the lesbian and gay community, for public officials and for the general public,

- \* Serving as a source of information about lesbian and gay issues, political questions, elections and the Democratic Party.

For more information about RCDC, call 451-1970 or 448-2383.

### SISTERS

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Other demonstrations by the Queer Army are planned for San Francisco and Sacramento in the early spring.

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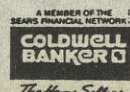
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# off THE EDGE

## The Answer to Party-Variety Politics Now!

by Stacy Selmants

After listening to Clinton's coy admissions that he has done the nasty pony dance with women other than his wife, and Bush's rusty rhetoric insisting that tax cuts for the rich DO help the poor, we conclude that it's election year politics as usual. What the public needs are some new choices, some new candidates -- perhaps from another planet.

The most obvious problem with this Cream of Wheat crop of candidates, (bland, easy to swallow, and probably will hold you until lunch) is that they all sound alike. As Katharine Hepburn said in the 1948 movie, *State of the Union*, "There's becoming no difference between the Democrats and the Republicans."

We could do as she did, and support Spencer Tracy's candidacy. There is a teensy problem. He's dead.

The political "beige-ness" of this year's candidates helped to spawn the new Green Party, which recently qualified to be on the California ballot -- a reality that has many of the top Demos angry and ready for a turf war. In a moment of whimsy, a few months back I re-registered as a Greenie, mostly because I don't think the current Demo Party bigwigs could win a hotly contested student body election in Carmichael.

Admittedly, it was a purely symbolic gesture. And as far as I can tell, the Greenies are harmless enough, since their main

platforms seem to be keeping the earth alive and providing enough beer and trail mix for everybody.

What the system needs are more new parties and new candidates. We, who are always mindful of the political pulse of the public, have already scoped out several "dark horse" candidates, and their political affiliations for those readers who are inclined to exercise the "write in" option on your ballot.

\* **The Presley Party** -- Their perennial candidate is Elvis, and all offers for photo opportunities and debates will be handled by his many impersonators. (This "stand in" approach to campaigning is no different than Quayle pinch hitting for Bush, except for the sideburns and spandex.) The candidate's main goal is to allow every registered voter the opportunity to perform in Vegas. However, Republicans will be relegated to appearing as lounge acts only.

\* **The Wayne's World Party** -- As a spin off to the new, EAGERLY awaited Wayne's World movie, Mike Myers and


Dana Carvey from *Saturday Night Live* will recreate their "way excellent" personas for a surprise run at national office. The main problem is their target audience--mostly truant high school sophomores-- can't vote yet. (It didn't work for McGovern in 1972 either.) Like the Greenies, they too advocate enough beer for everybody. And, their new slogan is pithy and ready for evening news sound bites: "You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll hurl."

\* **The Amanda Party** -- Amanda, the one-named columnist at the *News and Review* has

been threatening to run for months, but recently admitted that she hasn't been campaigning lately, because "There just hasn't been time." She is now volunteering to spread gossip about her imaginary affair with Bush in order to boost his ratings in the polls. We enjoy her columns, since she is even more of a smart ass than WE are -- a rarity. And we might even support her candidacy, if she would just stop her shameless plugging of that OTHER paper. (If nothing else, there's probably a lot of girls in town who would give her tips on how to get

closer to bush!)

\* **The Large Marge Party** -- When pressed for the real "dirt" Marge has been coquettish, but insiders hint that Marge truly has the heroic stature to make a run for the Oval Office. Marge's main platform is to make it illegal to wear after-five sequined gowns in the early afternoon. Her slogan, it is rumored, is "Get OVER it, Girl!"

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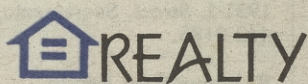
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